

Amendment No. 1 to HB0702

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 568\***

**House Bill No. 702**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-31-101, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

( ) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including a variant of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19;

( ) "COVID-19 vaccine" means a substance used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide protection against COVID-19, prepared from the causative agent of COVID-19, its products, or a synthetic substitute, and treated to act as an antigen without inducing a COVID-19 infection;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 31, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

**68-31-104. Discrimination on the basis of COVID-19 vaccination status prohibited.**

A covered entity shall not, solely on the basis of whether an individual has received or will receive a COVID-19 vaccine, do the following:

- (1) Consider an individual ineligible for transplantation or receipt of an anatomical gift;
- (2) Deny medical or other services related to transplantation, including:
  - (A) Evaluation;
  - (B) Surgery; and
  - (C) Counseling and treatment following transplantation;

- (3) Refuse to refer an individual to a transplant center or specialist;
- (4) Refuse to place an individual on an organ or tissue waiting list; or
- (5) Place an individual at a position on an organ or tissue waiting list that is lower than the position at which the individual would have been placed if not for the individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.